

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

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UNITED STATES OF AMERICA :
: _____
-against- : 19-CR-862 (VEC)
: _____
HECTOR BONAPARTE, : ORDER
: _____
Defendant. :
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VALERIE CAPRONI, United States District Judge:

WHEREAS a status conference in this matter is currently scheduled for Tuesday, June 22, 2021 at 11:00 A.M., Dkt. 404;

WHEREAS the Metropolitan Detention Center is requiring inmates to quarantine upon return from in-Court proceedings;

WHEREAS Defense counsel informed the Court that despite the quarantine requirement, Mr. Bonaparte prefers to hold the proceeding in person; and

WHEREAS the Southern District of New York is no longer requiring vaccinated persons to wear masks during non-jury trial proceedings, if all participants are vaccinated;

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that the status conference, currently scheduled for Tuesday, June 22, 2021 at 11:00 A.M., is cancelled.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that a change-of-plea proceeding is scheduled for **Wednesday, July 7, 2021 at 11:00 A.M.** The proceeding will be held in Courtroom 443 of the Thurgood Marshall United States Courthouse, located at 40 Foley Square, New York, New York 10007.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that, in light of the new SDNY protocols for non-trial proceedings, Defense counsel must inform the Court by no later than 3 business days prior to

the proceeding whether the attorney and the Defendant have been fully vaccinated against COVID-19; the prosecutor must similarly inform the Court whether he or she has been vaccinated on the same time schedule. This notification can be through an email to Chambers.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that given the complexities and delays associated with meeting with counsel and discussing potential dispositions during the COVID-19 pandemic, the Court finds that the ends of justice in accommodating those delays outweigh Mr. Bonaparte's and the public's interests in a speedy trial, and that exclusion of time between now and July 7, 2021 is warranted pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 3161(h)(7).

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that per the SDNY COVID-19 COURTHOUSE ENTRY PROGRAM, any person who appears at any SDNY courthouse must complete a questionnaire and have his or her temperature taken. Please see the enclosed instructions. Completing the questionnaire ahead of time will save time and effort upon entry. Only those individuals who meet the entry requirements established by the questionnaire will be permitted entry. Please contact chambers promptly if you or your client do not meet the requirements.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that any person who appears at any SDNY courthouse must comply with Standing Order M10-468 (21-MC-164), which further pertains to courthouse entry.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that interested members of the public may attend by dialing 1-888-363-4749, using the access code 3121171 and the security code 0862. All of those accessing the hearing are reminded that recording or rebroadcasting of the proceeding is prohibited by law.

SO ORDERED.

Dated: June 21, 2021
New York, NY

Valerie Caproni
VALERIE CAPRONI
United States District Judge

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On the day you are due to arrive at the courthouse, click on the following weblink to begin the enrollment process. Follow the instructions and fill out the questionnaire. If your answers meet the requirements for entry, you will be sent a QR code to be used at the SDNY entry device at the courthouse entrance.

Weblink: <https://app.certify.me/SDNYPublic>

Note: If you do not have a mobile phone or mobile phone number, you must complete the questionnaire and temperature screening at an entry device at the courthouse.